

The Good News

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interim here at St. Luke's. I come to you as one who seeks to assist the congregation



Starting date: June 29
Remaining July dates: 6, 13, 20, 27

Everyone is invited to attend our Vacation Bible School which is being held on five Tuesdays beginning on June 29. A free meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to eat with us. Parents of children through grade 1, please eat with your children. Classes are planned for age 3 through senior high, plus an adult class.



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ;

I am Rev. Arlene Greenwald, I will meet many of you on Sunday July 4th and hope to meet many more of you through out the time of the intentional

and leadership in the pastoral ministry of visitation, conversation, prayer and worship, as well as pastoral care in baptisms, weddings and funerals. In the Litany of Welcome we, as pastor and congregation, vowed to work together in the name of Jesus the Christ, so that the gospel may be shared from God's Home of St. Luke's Lutheran church. I look forward to the days ahead when we shall share stories of the gospel's impact upon our lives and the world we live.

A reading from Psalms, I believe reflects your partnership and ministry in Christ:

Blessed are those who dwell in thy house,
ever singing thy praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Those who go through the desolate valley
will find a place of springs

for the early rains have covered it with
pools of water

They go from strength to strength; the God
of gods will be seen in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Psalm 84:4-8

The psalmist reminds us of the beauty and Blessedness of being in community. In the weeks and months ahead may we be a blessed community together as interim pastor and congregation celebrating our life in Christ. Worship is the door through which many come to grow in faith and love of God. St Luke's is a worshipful community

that finds meaning and purpose in gathering to praise God and finds

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meaning in the Word of God. I look forward to being your worship leader through the interim period. The days ahead we will spend in prayer, searching scripture, sharing the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion and growing in our relationship to Christ.

A little bit about myself – I am interim minister for the past 16+ years, pastor in SEPA synod for 28 of my 30 years of ordained ministry; married 21 years to Brian Greenwald, we live in West Chester. Brian is a senior electrical engineer at CTDI in West Chester. Our Daughter Brianna is 20, a student at Susquehanna University she hopes to one day be a large animal surgeon. We are animal lovers, dogs, cats, horses, rabbits at times. I am a quilter and a member of Valley Forge Homestead quilters. We garden, and grow some fruit at our home. As a family, we are members at St. John's Phoenixville Pa, Brian sings in the choir. I grew up fairly close to St. Luke's, attended Upper Perkiomen high school, a long time ago! While living in the area I was a member of Christ Lutheran Niantic.

Again I look forward to meeting everyone on Sunday July 4th.

May our work together be a blessing one to another as we serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Arlene K. Greenwald,
Interim Pastor to the People of God at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Obelisk, Pa

Worship Schedule

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
10:15 a.m. Worship Service (Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month)

Third Sunday of the month: Praise Service in Fellowship Hall



Praise the Lord!

God is truly faithful! I am delighted God has guided Rev. Arlene Greenwald to be the

new Interim Pastor. Rev. Greenwald's home congregation is Christ Lutheran Church in Niantic. She is currently serving as Dean of the Interim Pastors for our Synod. We are very fortunate to welcome her as the Interim Pastor starting in July.

Pastor Greenwald will serve as Interim Pastor until St. Luke's calls the permanent Pastor. In the meantime St. Luke's will go through a survey process to determine the qualifications for the next Pastor. A Call Committee will be formed by the Council to screen candidates and make a recommendation to the congregation. I am convinced God is in control of this process and will guide St. Luke's to make the right choice.

I deeply and sincerely thank God for the privilege of serving St. Luke's for the past 32 years. It has been a joy and delight. You are a very wonderful congregation. I thank you for your many heart warm expressions of love and caring for Judy, Janell, Jonathan and me. We are blessed by you in many ways. We will miss you very much.

God is faithful and will be faithful in the future. He has great and wonderful plans for St. Luke's to fulfill the mission, *To Know Jesus and To Make Him Known*. I know God has a fantastic future in store for St. Luke's. Jesus told his disciples to focus on the future.

God bless you as we see his plans unfold before us.

Pastor James Shelly



With joy and thanksgiving we celebrated four baptisms in May. On Sunday May 9 we celebrated the baptism of Ciaran Aedan Mertz, son of Broc and Lisa-Ann Mertz. Broc's parents are Barry and Linda Mertz.

Also on Sunday May 9 we celebrated the baptism of Audra Leigh Rose (wife of Brad Rose) and the baptism of their son Derek Thomas Rose. Audra also joined St. Luke's this day.

On May 29 we celebrated the baptism of Rodney Daniel Beury, son of Dawn Beury and Robert Carr.

We ask God's blessings for everyone.

Food Needed!



The Jerusalem Community Food Pantry continues to support many area residents who have found themselves out of work or only able to hold jobs that keep them at

the poverty level. They are also currently serving 4 terminally ill people who are without health benefits. Special needs at this time are juice, cold cereal, laundry detergent, tomato products, and toiletries. Your support of the food pantry is truly appreciated! Envelopes are available in both buildings if you want to contribute money to the Jerusalem Food Pantry at any time. Thank you!



Communion Instruction

Holy Communion Class for any age will be offered during August whenever it works for each person. Tell Rev. Mest if you would like to be scheduled.



Welcome Center Hosts

	8:00 service	10:15 a.m. service
July 4	Barry & Linda Mertz	Charlotte Christman
July 11	Dennis & Gail Faust	Linda Grisafi
July 18	Al & Deb Herr	Shelley Raymock
July 25	Smoky & Connie Panepinto	Jeff & Julene Steigelmann

Counters for July:

July 4: Herman Rose, Naomi Rose, Ron & Dawn Sekellick

July 11: Kate Bauer, Linda Grisafi, Melissa Grisafi, Al Herr, Naomi Rose

July 18: Lance Breidor, Maureen Founds, Cheryl Geiser, Naomi Rose

July 25: Jen Christman, David Rose, Naomi Rose, Julene Steigelmann



Who created us?

Who gives to us whatever good health we have?

Who lives in us?

Who created everyone else in the world?

Who gives hope to us?

Are we meant to hoard our hope or share it?

What is God saying to you?

Rev. Mest



VBS Mission Project

We are collecting items, or money for shipping costs, for personal care kits for disaster victims in the world. We are serving God through Lutheran World Relief, a very respected organization. The items to be included in each kit are:

- hand towels – dark color – new
- washcloth – dark color – new
- one sturdy comb
- nail clippers with file attached
- six band-aids – ½” or ¾” – secure the six items with a rubber band (a box of band-aids is also welcome)

Note: We have enough bars of soap and enough toothbrushes.

Items are needed by Tuesday, July 27. Thank you!

Rev. Mary Etta Mest

Thank You!

We thank Pauline Hunsberger and Fern Richard for their faithfulness and hard work in delivering our donated food to the “Jerusalem Food Pantry” in Schwenksville and our donated clothing to “The Clothing Rack” in Gilbertsville. Thank you Pauline and Fern!

Pauline Hunsberger and Eric Meeker take our recycling materials from St. Luke’s to Coventry Recycling, especially cardboard.

The members of the Property Committee work very hard, most of which goes unnoticed. Linda Mertz and Al Sassaman spend countless hours, and probably headaches, to keep things working

and looking nice. They have gathered a large group of people who have talents and passion for maintaining our buildings and grounds.



Health Ministry News

*Free blood pressure screenings
will be held after the 10:15 a.m. worship service
on Sunday, July 11, 2010.*

The Heartsaver AED provider class that was held on May 22nd began at 9:00 a.m. and went till about 12:00 noon.

We had 5 participants. The class went well and everyone seemed to feel confident and less anxious about performing CPR and using an AED machine. This is our goal to have members of the congregation become familiar with an AED and acquire basic skills for performing CPR.

As the summer days are approaching please take advantage of the fresh local fruits and vegetables in our area. (Five a day is what they say!) The Boyertown Farmer’s Market is a producer/grower market committed to providing locally grown, fresh food to the community.

The Boyertown Farmers Market, located at 100 South Walnut Street, in the parking lot of The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, two blocks south of the intersection of Routes 562 and 73, is now open all year. The regular season runs from every Saturday beginning June 5 to October 30, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The new Winter Market will run on select Saturdays, November thru May, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Plenty of locally grown fresh produce and products are available for sale.

Visit www.boyertownpa.org/farmersmarket for more information and a list of upcoming events.

Needed

† a head usher for every 4th month for the
10:15 a.m. Service

Thanks for saying, "I could do that!"



The annual adult retreat will be held at Mensch Mill Conference and Retreat Center in Huff's Church, PA, October 8 through 10, 2010. This year's theme will be "A Time of Prayer in Time of Transition". Come join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and renewal. There will be plenty of opportunities to pray and play, reflect and rejoice. Sign up now! The cost is \$140 per person and includes lodging, meals and all activities (horseback riding is an extra fee) from Friday evening to Sunday morning. Brochures are available in the mailroom and the Welcome Center. To learn more about Mensch Mill you can visit www.menschmill.org. If you have any questions, contact Connie Panepinto or Irene Sassaman.

Good!

We have a good program here at St. Luke's called Adult Prayer Partners. The responsibility is to pray daily for your designated young person. You will receive a little, stuffed kangaroo to remind you to pray. Remembering the young person's birthday and baptism dates as well as holidays with a card is optional. We discourage gift-giving. Please tell Rev. Mest if you feel led to do this.

Free

If you are age 60 or older, if your maximum income is \$1,174 per month if single or \$1,579 per month if a couple, you are eligible for a monthly box of:

- 4 vegetables
- 3 juices
- 2 fruits
- 2 proteins
- 2 cereals
- milk and cheese

Take a photo ID and proof of household income to The Cluster Outreach Center, 137 Walnut Street, Pottstown and ask for Sherrie.



Are you an active member...
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just content
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever voluntarily
Help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come out to meeting often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't' be just a member
But take an active part.

Think this over member...
You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong?

(author unknown, submitted by Jerry Jordan)

